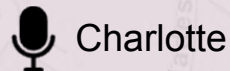


Blue Hill Avenue: Mattapan Square Transportation Action Plan!

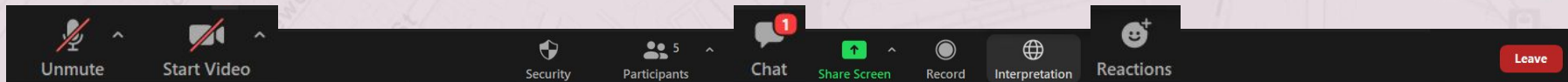
Community Meeting
April 18, 2023



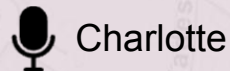
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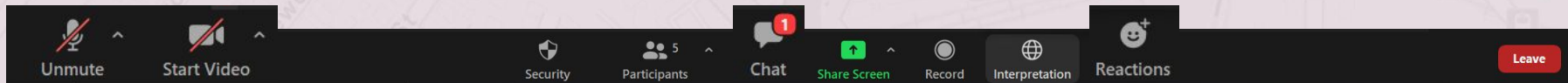
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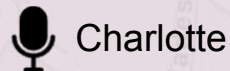
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Interpretation



Reactions

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Charlotte

Welcome!

Blue Hill Avenue: Mattapan Square Transportation Action Plan

Community Meeting April 18, 2023





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Ground Rules

1. Maintain respect for others in this space (*consultants, community members, and municipal agencies*).
2. Use “I” statements. If you are representing a neighborhood association or group, please share when speaking.
3. Step up and step back.
4. There will be a good amount of time for reaction and discussion at the end, please try to limit your questions until then.



Shavel'le

INTRO POLL

1. **What is your main way of traveling through Mattapan Square?** (walk, bike, car, public transit, other)
2. **Why is this your primary way to get around?**
3. **What is your home zip code?**

(If you can't get the poll to work, feel free to use the Chat)



Shavel'le

Blue Hill Avenue: Mattapan Square

Meet the Team





Charlotte

Public Sector Team

BOSTON TRANSPORTATION DEPT



Charlotte Fleetwood
Project Manager,
Mattapan Square



Maya Mudgal
Transit Planner



Kirstie Hostetter
Project Manager,
BHA TAP

OTHER CITY DEPARTMENTS

Office of Housing
Office of Economic Opportunity & Inclusion
Boston Planning & Development Agency
Office of Neighborhood Services
Office of New Urban Mechanics
Office of Arts and Culture
Disabilities Commission
Age Strong Commission



Kenya Beaman
Community
Engagement Manager
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Andrew McFarland
MBTA Transit Priority

AJ Tanner
Mattapan Line Transformation

Benjamin Muller
MassDOT District 6
(Blue Hill Ave/Boston)

DCR

Stella Lensing
Planner, Project Manager



Chavella

Engagement Team

ENGAGEMENT CONSULTANTS

Consult LeLa



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Powerful Pathways



Allentza Michel

That Bike Lady



Vivian Ortiz

COMMUNITY PARTNERS

Greater Mattapan Neighborhood Council
Mattapan Square Main Streets





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Engagement Team: Consult LeLa



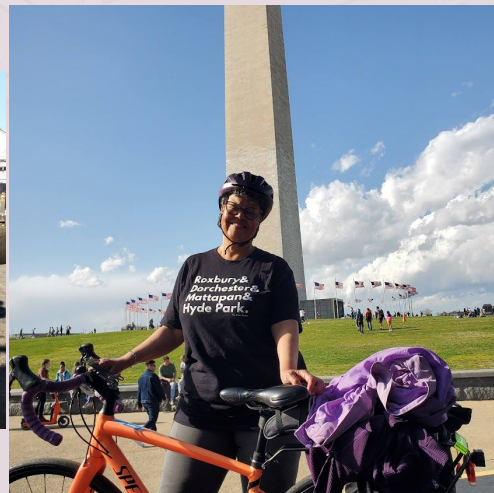
A community engagement firm dedicated to making planning the future of our neighborhood an enjoyable and accessible experience for all. When we design for everyone and from a place of joy, we can create a world that works for everyone!



Vivian

Engagement Team: Vivian Ortiz, That Bike Lady

Mattapan resident focused on reaching out to individuals who are often not invited to participate in the public process. They may not be familiar with planning efforts, including those that may benefit them.





Vivian

Meeting Goals

- Goal 1:** Restart a large group conversation about Mattapan Square, while also uplifting perspectives heard in one-on-one conversations
- Goal 2:** Introduce the Mattapan Square community engagement team
- Goal 3:** Expand opportunities for participants to express what they would like to see, and promote dialogue between different users of the Square
- Goal 4:** Continue strengthening the relationship between the City and the Mattapan community



Vivian

Tonight's Agenda

1. **Blue Hill Avenue Transportation Action Plan Scope + Goals**
2. **Mattapan Square Project Background**
3. **Mattapan Square Design Options**
4. **Engagement Approach + Summary**
5. **Q&A + How to Get Involved**



Kirstie

Blue Hill Avenue: Mattapan Square

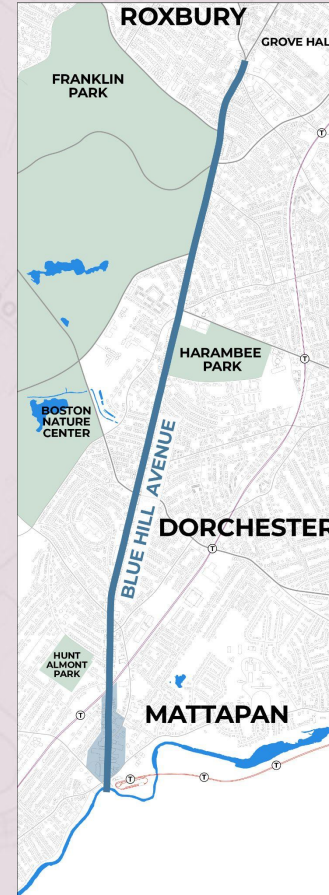
The Broader Blue Hill Avenue Transportation Action Plan





Kirstie

Blue Hill Avenue Transportation Action Plan





Kirstie

Blue Hill Ave Project Goals

Community Priority

VISION People's Voice I Boston Today Goals and Targets ACTION PLAN People's Voice II Boston in 2030 Projects and Policies

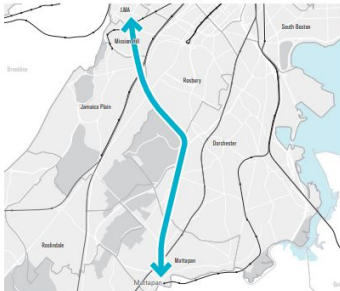
Crosstown

Mattapan to LMA Rapid Bus

Faster transit connections to the medical district from southern Boston

Project Description

A new transit line with high-quality stops, signal priority, all-door boarding, and some exclusive lanes will create direct transit connections for residents of Mattapan and southwest Dorchester to jobs and medical care in Roxbury, Mission Hill, and the Longwood Medical and Academic Area. This involves a rail-like bus service operating where excess roadway width exists today on one of several potential corridors that will be determined in consultation with the community. Service would be high capacity and high frequency and could interfere with the JFKUMass to LMA rapid bus corridor (p176) and even the West Station to LMA connection (p201), connecting together southern Boston, the LMA, and Beacon Yards. Future upgrades could see tracks and streetcar service initiated as ridership grows.



Project Score

- Access 1
 - Safety 1
 - Reliability
 - Sustainability/Resiliency 1
 - Sustainability/Resiliency 2
 - Governance
 - Access 2
 - Safety 2
 - Affordability
- #18 in weighted Boston-only public voting

Implementation

Approximate Cost: \$15 million for design and construction, with an additional \$10 million for potential funding sources: City capital budget for

Benefits and Issues Addressed

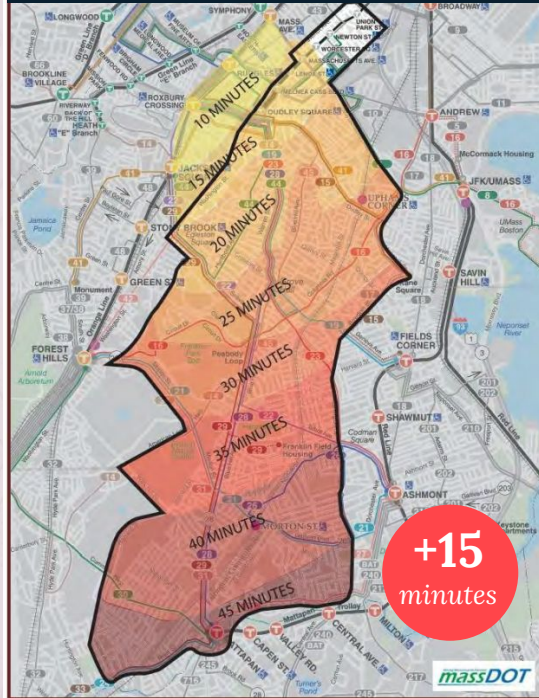
This investment will support economic opportunity along a corridor with heavy bus ridership but unreliable service, while—depending on the alignment—potentially improving other connections that lead into Dudley Square and Downtown as well. Crosstown connections from this part of the city are in high demand, as shown by the high ridership on the current bus routes today, even those that lack one-to-one with a high-quality ridership.

Go Boston 2030 Goals:

- Expand access
- Improve reliability
- Enhance safety

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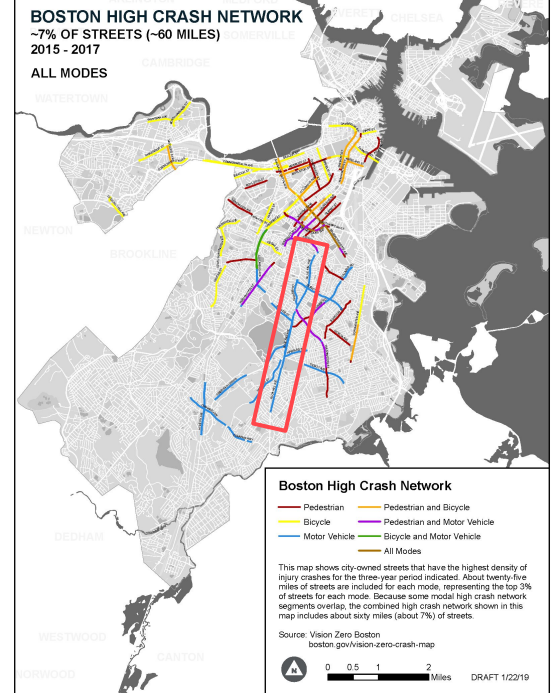
Travel Time Inequities



Safety Concerns

BOSTON HIGH CRASH NETWORK
~7% OF STREETS (~60 MILES)
2015 - 2017

ALL MODES

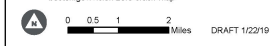


Boston High Crash Network

- Pedestrian
- Pedestrian and Bicycle
- Bicycle
- Pedestrian and Motor Vehicle
- Motor Vehicle
- All Modes

This map shows city-owned streets that have the highest density of injury crashes for the three-year period indicated. About twenty-five miles of streets are included for each mode, representing the top 3% of streets for each mode. Because some modal high crash network segments overlap, the combined high crash network shown in this map includes about sixty miles (about 7%) of streets.

Source: Vision Zero Boston
boston.gov/vision-zero-crash-map





Kirstie

Blue Hill Ave Project Goals

Goal 1: Improve pedestrian safety along Blue Hill Ave

Goal 2: Expand transportation options and reliability

Goal 3: Connect infrastructure investments to the work of other City departments and State agencies (*including housing and development, business and economic development, green infrastructure, environmental resilience, and public realm improvements*)



Kirstie

Investing in the Corridor

**Electeds deliver \$15 million federal RAISE grant
for Blue Hill Ave (2021)**

“Transit justice is racial and economic justice, which is why I’ve fought hard to support projects that address the inequities in our transportation systems and create healthier, safer, and more connected communities”

- **Congresswoman Ayanna Pressley**

**The City of Boston and MBTA will
provide additional funds.**

For more info on the broader project visit:

boston.gov/blue-hill-avenue.





Kirstie

Why Talk About Bus Priority?

This project centers giving **everyone** the opportunity to connect to family, friends, jobs, resources, and their broader community.



A bus will travel down Blue Hill Avenue between Morton Street and Mattapan Station **every 3.8 minutes during rush hour** after MBTA's bus network redesign.



Bus riders boarding in Mattapan are on buses an **extra 176 hours per weekday** due to delays. Along the whole Blue Hill corridor, it is **3,056 hours per weekday**.



Over **12,000 riders** get **on and off buses** each weekday on Blue Hill Ave south of Morton St. Each rider is a potential business customer.

DID YOU KNOW?

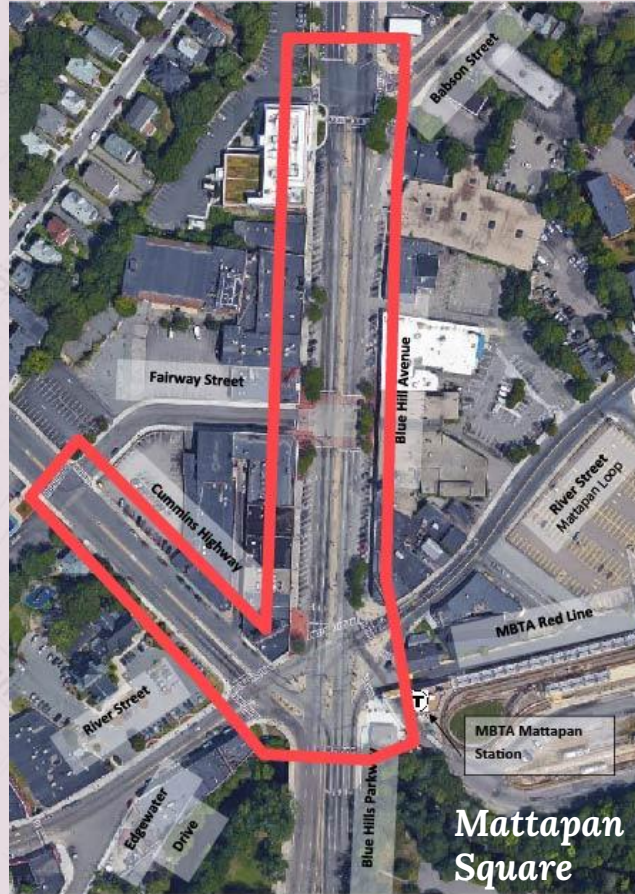
Over half of the people on Blue Hill Avenue during rush hour are on buses



Charlotte

Blue Hill Avenue: Mattapan Square

Project Background



How Did It Get Started?

Age Friendly Walking: Older adults from ABCD in conversation with Age Strong, WalkBoston, Mattapan Food and Fitness Coalition (2017)



Themes:

- **Pedestrian safety:** slower speeds, better signal timing, well-marked crosswalks
- **Accessibility:** Aligned ramps, smooth sidewalks, good lighting
- **Wayfinding:** Signs to popular destinations to encourage walking and biking
- **Attractive, comfortable public realm:** Benches, places to gather, shade trees, public art, sense of place





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New Access to Green Space

DCR Extended the Neponset Greenway to Mattapan Square (2017)

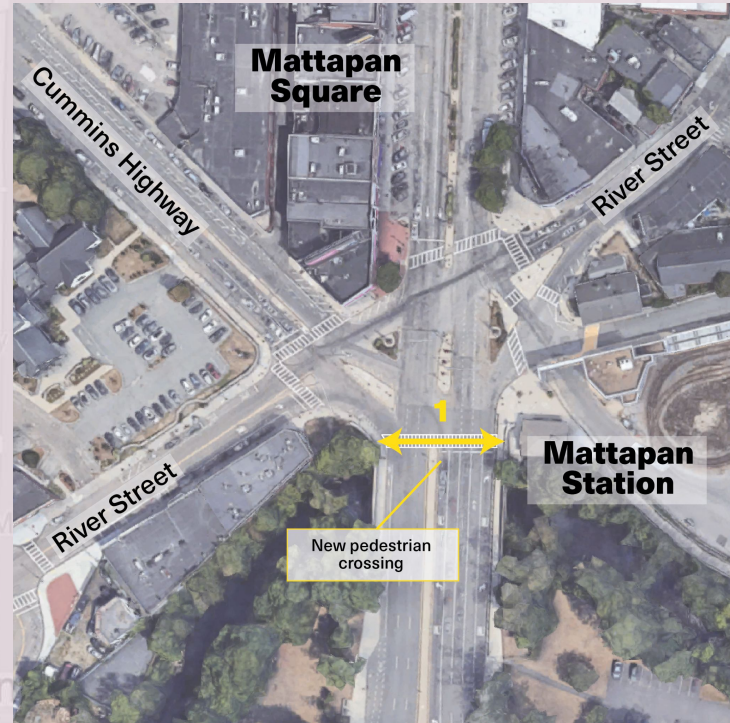
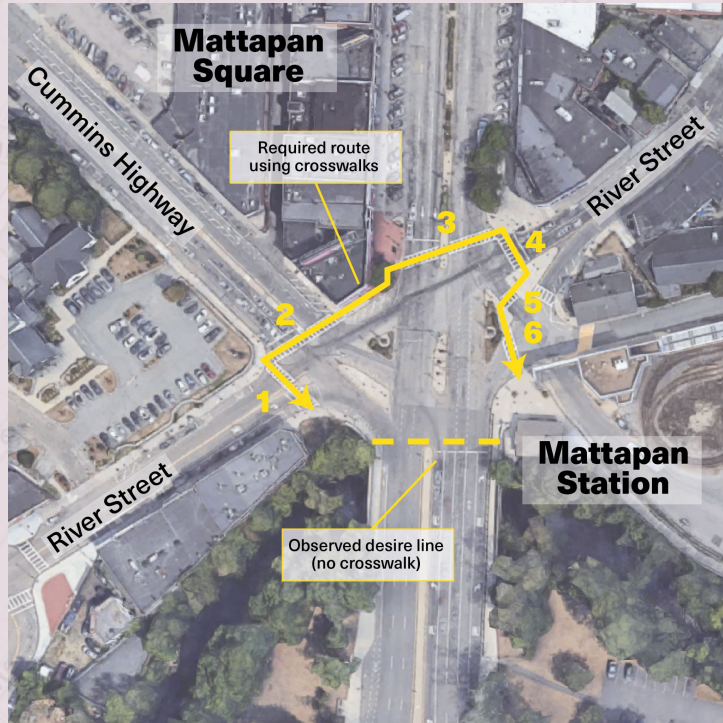




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Goals: Improve Pedestrian Safety & Give Time Back to People Walking

A direct crossing to the station and the Neponset Greenway would reduce exposure to traffic and save each pedestrian 3+ minutes

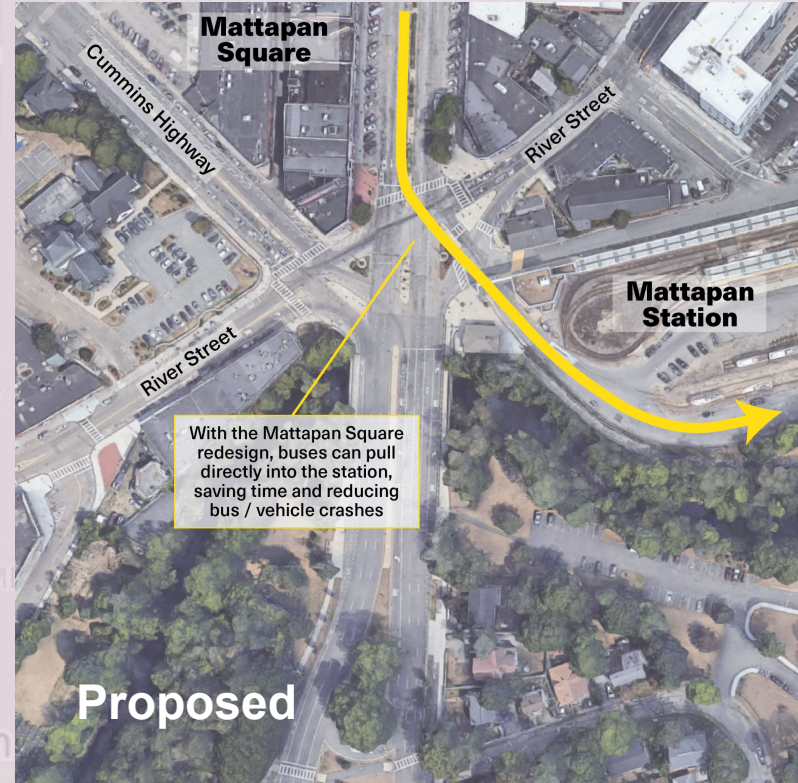
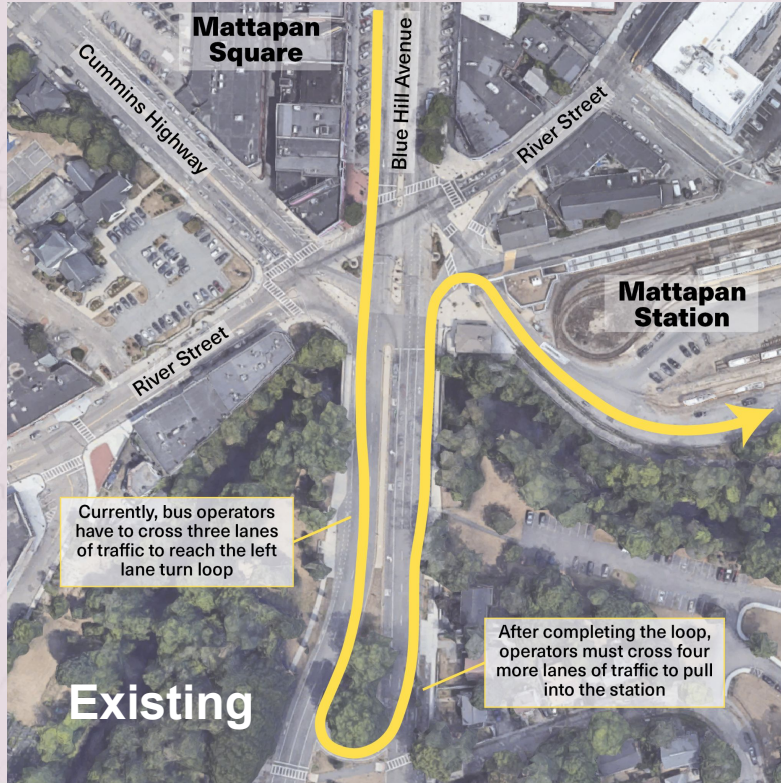




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Goal: Give Time Back to Bus Riders

A direct, signalized left turn into the station would save each bus rider 4+ minutes



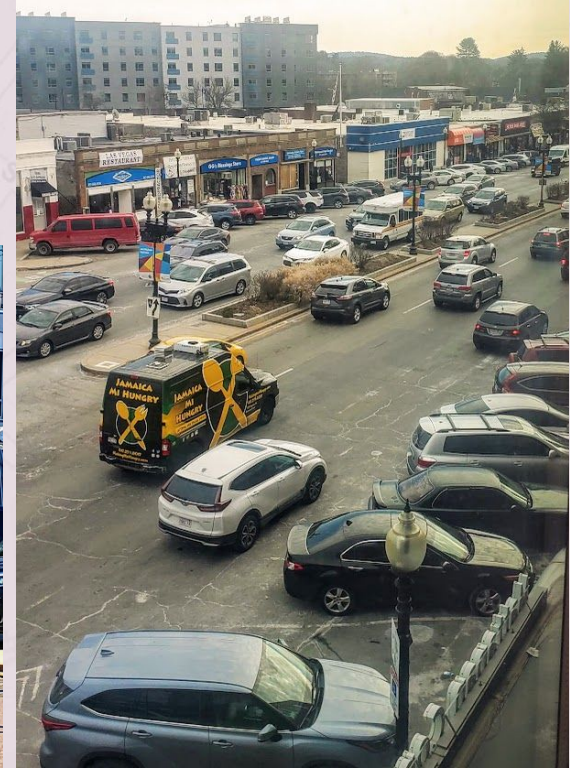


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Mattapan Square, North of the Intersection

Existing:

- 3 travel lanes each direction
- No bus lanes
- No bike lanes
- No street trees next to the angle parking











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Blue Hill Avenue: Mattapan Square

Engagement Approach + Summary



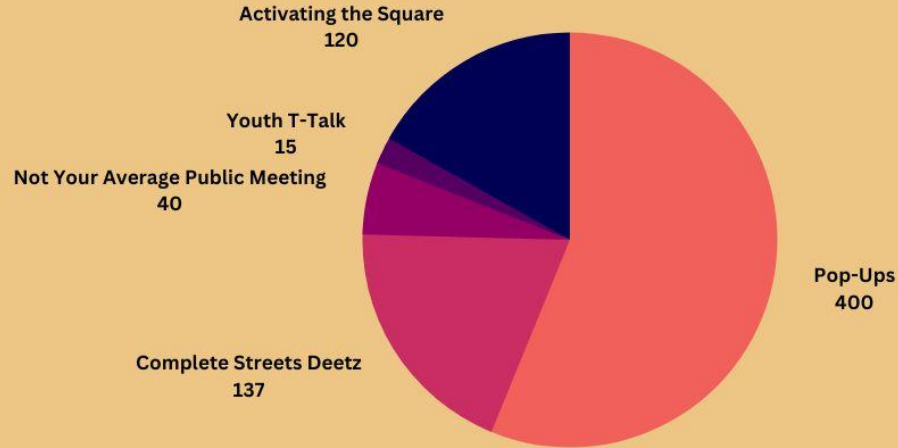


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Community Engagement:

From 2021 to now we have engaged

750 people





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Community Engagement: Youth Engagement (9-17 yrs old)

1. Complete Streets Deetz for youth
2. Youth Transportation Talk
3. Summer 2022 Youth Engagement Committee (YEC)
4. Youth-led Walk Audit
5. Winter 2023 Youth Engagement Committee (YEC)



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Community Engagement: Activating the Square

Art Mural

Amber Torres

1. Allow people to decorate cut-outs
2. Create the mural/collage background
3. Take inventory of what was "said"
4. Place artwork onto collage

Cut-outs of:

Buses

Cars

Bikes

People

Flowers + Trees

Construction Paper for free-hand



SATURDAY, MARCH 25TH, 2023 | 12PM - 3PM

ACTIVATING THE SQUARE

Imagining the Future of Mattapan Square, Together

FREE FOOD!
TALENT SHOWCASE
CHESS TOURNAMENT
FREE-PLAY GAMES
ART MAKING
WALK AUDITS

INFORMATION FROM CITY AND STATE ABOUT MATTAPAN

882 CUMMINS HIGHWAY,
MATTAPAN, MA 02126

B **SPARK FM** **CONCORDIA**

SCAN ME



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Community Engagement: Pop Ups





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Community Engagement: Youth Engagement (18 -35 yrs old)



MATTAPAN SQUARE & BLUE HILL AVENUE ARE BEING REDESIGNED,
COME TALK ABOUT IT OVER COCKTAILS

DATE: THURSDAY, JULY 28, 2022 TIME: 6PM-8PM

COCKTAILS MOCKTAILS & COMMUNITY

- with -
Consult LeLa

KAY'S OASIS FUNCTION HALL
1125 BLUE HILL AVE, DORCHESTER CENTER, MA 02124

RSVP: bit.ly/cmewithlela

VIBE WITH DJ WHYSHAM | EATS MADE BY ZAZ RESTAURANT
CASH BAR



SPARK
BOSTON'S FUTURE



Community Engagement: How It Started

60 BOSTON 2030

Local

Neighborhood Complete Street Corridors

Enhancements to promote safe travel for those walking, on bikes, in buses, and driving cars

Project Description

Implementing Boston's Complete Street Guidelines, the City will install infrastructure along several neighborhood connectors that improve travel safety, accommodate people biking, and make walking more comfortable. These include East Boston's longest connector, Harrison Street; Washington Street between Egleston and Dudley Squares; Humboldt Avenue in Barbours Corner; and Highway 1A connecting Roslindale and Mattapan; and Tremont Street in the South End.

Benefits and Issues Addressed

Each of these connector neighborhood corridors experiences higher crash rates and greater vehicle speeds than most of the residential streets that feed into them, yet residents of these neighborhoods depend on these corridors for daily life. Making such a complete street will improve safety for all travelers and provide much needed bicycle accommodation where none exist. Once improved, these corridors can make it easier for residents to walk and bike to transit, neighborhood centers, and their [local food hubs](#).

Best Practices

In 2016, NACTO released their Sustainable Street plan. This plan laid out several transportation solutions that would improve streets for all modes of transportation and increase safety for bicyclists and pedestrians. [www.nacto.org/best-practices/](#)

The City of Boston is currently designing Harrison Avenue in the South End with wide sidewalks and protected bike lanes with safe crossings for all.

Implementation

Approximate Cost: \$40 million for design and construction


Potential Funding Sources: City capital plan for design and Boston MBTA TIF for construction

Who's Responsible: RTD, Public Works, and MassDOT

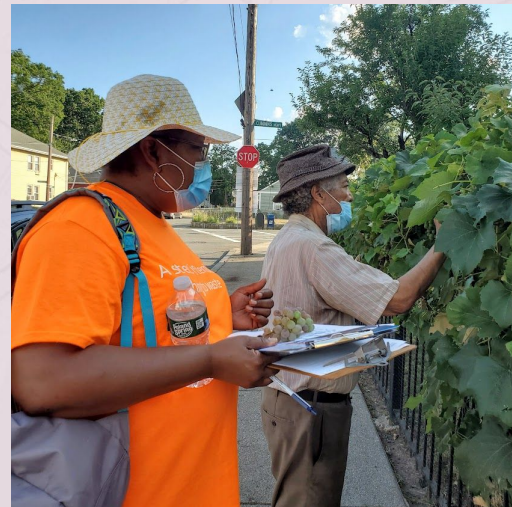
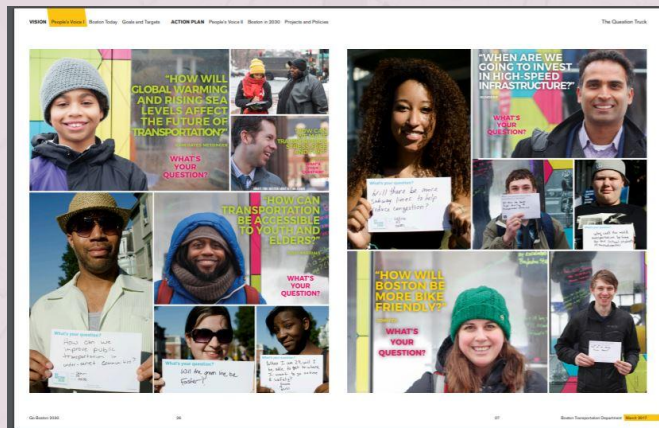
Time Frame: Ongoing and over 15 years

Public Input

Tremont Street "Slow your Roll" Road Closures: Please don't use the street for driving or as a shortcut. What could that mean for the neighborhood? Increased safety for people on foot and on bikes? Why?



Best Transportation Investment March 2017





Vivian

Community Engagement Done Differently





Vivian

Community Engagement: Businesses + Drop-in Hours



"This is perfect. I'd like to take the bus here, I know the #30 bus. I drive around to find a space."

- Hyde Park resident who works in
Mattapan Square



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It's Survey Time!

**Please take the parking survey shared in the chat.
It will take you 5 - 7 minutes!**



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Blue Hill Avenue: Mattapan Square

Q + A Discussion





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Blue Hill Avenue

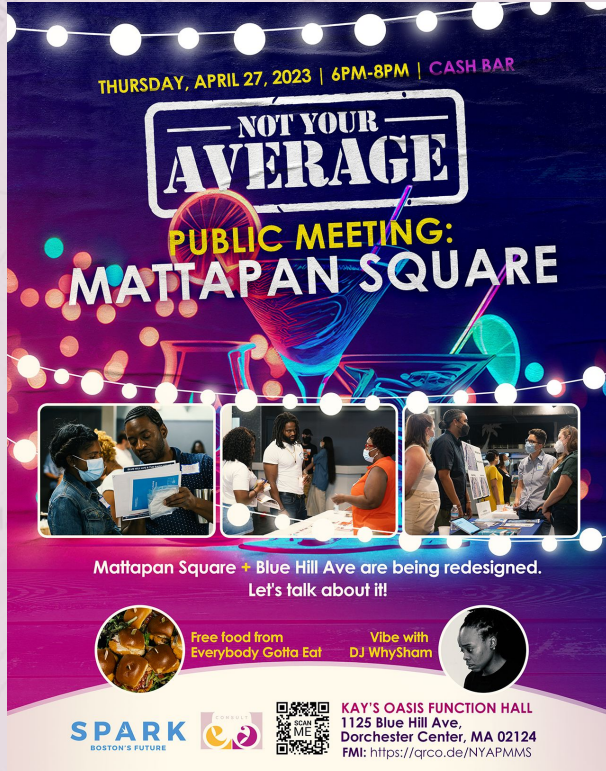
How to Get Involved





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Upcoming In-Person Engagement



Not Your Average Public Meeting: Mattapan Square

- Thursday, April 27th 6-8pm
- Kay's Oasis: 117 Blue Hill Avenue

If you would like more information,
please visit consultlela.com or email
consultlela@gmail.com



Charlotte

Ongoing Engagement Opportunities

- Monthly Blue Hill Ave meetings, sign up at bit.ly/bha-tap
Next Meeting: April 24, 6:30 pm
Topic: Green Infrastructure
- Monthly Blue Hill Ave: Mattapan Square meetings, sign up at bit.ly/bluehillmattapan
Next Meeting: May 30, 6:30 pm
- Blue Hill Ave Exhibit: Grove Hall Library, Open during library hours

Real Talk for Change

- These are 1-hour facilitated conversations between 4-8 community members
- Community members are paid for their time
- If you would like to participate, please email bluehillave@boston.gov with “Real Talk” in the subject line!

If you have questions, please email bluehillave@boston.gov

Other Opportunities for Engagement



Starting Saturday, 4/29!
City of Boston's
FREE Learn-to-Ride Classes
for Women & Gender-Diverse People
Bikes & helmets provided!
www.boston.gov/women-bike

HELP CREATE THE VIBE OF MATTAPAN SQUARE

Join Mattapan Square Main Streets to share your vision for Mattapan Square and be a part of making that vision come true.

good vibes

Mattapan Square main streets

WHEN
(choose the time that works for you)
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 26, 6 PM - 8 PM
SATURDAY, APRIL 29, 2 PM - 4 PM
WEDNESDAY, MAY 3, 10 AM - 12 PM

LOCATION
COTE VILLAGE COMMUNITY ROOM,
820 CUMMINS HIGHWAY

QUESTIONS CONTACT MATTAPAN SQ. MAIN STREETS AT
ADMIN@MATTAPANSQMAINSTREETS.ORG OR
(617) 322-3061

SCAN ME
RSVP

#MOREBUTTSONBIKES

casual, gently-paced rides along the
Neponset River Greenway Trail

MONDAY NIGHT BIKE RIDES

Sign up: mondaynightrides/eventbrite.com

Meet at the bench near 1472 Blue Hill Ave at
MATTAPAN STATION
GATHER AT 5:30, ROLL AT 5:45 PM

Need a bike for the ride?

Contact Vivian **NO LATER THAN** 4:30 pm on Monday
for a FREE pass for a Bluebike*
thatbikelady@gmail.com or (617) 514-2617

Follow @That Bike Lady on Instagram & Facebook

Starting Monday, 5/8!
Weekly Evening Bike Ride
along the Neponset Trail
Bluebikes available upon request
thatbikelady@gmail.com



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Community Announcement

Seeking Community Perspectives on Biking and Transportation in Mattapan!



Eligibility

- ▶ Must be 18 years old or older
- ▶ Mattapan Resident

Purpose

Mattapan Food and Fitness Coalition and a team of UMass Boston researchers would like to know what you think about biking and other modes of transportation in Mattapan. Your perspectives will help MFFC advocate for healthy and safe modes of transportation in Mattapan.

Please scan the QR code below or visit:
<https://bit.ly/MattapanMoves> to take a 5 - 10 minute survey on your experiences and thoughts on biking and getting around as a Mattapan community member.



Participants will be entered into a raffle with the chance to receive one of three \$50 Visa Gift Cards. We appreciate your time and look forward to learning from you!

Perspectives on Biking + Transportation in Mattapan

- Exploring residents' views about biking and other modes of transportation
- Scan the QR code or visit **bit.ly/MattapanMoves** to take a short survey! Win one of three \$50 Visa gift cards.

If you would like more information, please visit email info@mattapanfoodandfit.org



Kirstie

How to Stay Connected

City of Boston

(617) 635-3944

bluehillave@boston.gov

Recordings of past meetings &
project materials:

boston.gov/blue-hill-avenue

What other questions do you have?

[Let us know using this form!](#)



Consult LeLa

Website: consultlela.com

Email: consultlela@gmail.com

That Bike Lady aka Vivian Ortiz

Text/Call: (617) 541-2617

Email: thatbikelady@gmail.com



Charlotte

Recordings of past monthly Zoom meetings and other project materials can be found here:

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